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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed June 2, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 07/10/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

1. This communication is in response to applicant's amendment filed June 2, 2006.
- Claims 1-22 are currently pending in this case.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on July 10, 2006 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
4. The closest prior art of record shows:
 - (1) Tracy et al (US 5,979,757) disclose a method and system for presenting item information using a portable data terminal.
 - (2) Gifford (US 5,812,776) discloses a method of providing internet pages by mapping telephone number provided by client to URL and returning the same in a redirect command by server.
 - (3) Knowles et al (US 5,869,819) disclose an Internet-based system and method for tracking objects bearing URL-encoded bar code symbols.
 - (4) Wilz, Sr. et al (US 5,992,752) disclose an Internet-based system for enabling information-related transactions over the internet using Java-enabled internet terminals provided with bar code symbol readers for reading Java-Applet encoded bar code symbols.

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(5) Wilz, Sr. et al (US 6,510,997) disclose a HAND-SUPPORTABLE BAR CODE SYMBOL READING DEVICE HAVING AN INTEGRATED WORLD WIDE WEB (WWW) BROWSER COMMAND GENERATOR FOR AUTOMATICALLY GENERATING WWW BROWSER PROGRAM COMMANDS TO INITIATE THE EXECUTION OF HYPER-TEXT TRANSMISSION PROTOCOL (HTTP) REQUESTS.

(6) Perkowski (US 5,918,214) discloses a system and method for finding product and service related information on the internet.

(7) Klawitter (DE 19951881 A1) discloses a method and device for displaying information scans a barcode through a barcode scanner to select an Internet address assigned to the barcode from a local database and display a Web site corresponding to the Internet address.

5. Applicant's set of claims consists of claims 1-22.

6. Independent claim 1 discloses a method for interfacing a user location on a network to a destination location on the network through the scanning of a barcode. This claims identifies the uniquely distinct feature wherein the barcode has no network routing information contained therein or inherently associated therewith. Knowles et al (US 5,869,819) , for example, discloses most of the features present in the instant invention other than the lack of networking or URL information. Because nothing in the prior art teaches or suggests the latter feature, nor is there any reasonable motivation to combine the prior art to obtain that feature, independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-10 and 21 are deemed allowable.

7. Independent claim 11 discloses a method for interfacing a user location on a network to a destination location on the network through the scanning of a barcode. This claim identifies the uniquely distinct feature wherein the barcode has no network routing information contained therein or inherently associated therewith. Knowles et al (US 5,869,819) , for example, discloses most of the features present in the instant invention other than the lack of networking or URL information. Because nothing in the prior art teaches or suggests the latter feature, nor is there any reasonable motivation to combine the prior art to obtain that feature, independent claim 11 and its dependent claims 12-20 and 22 are deemed allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cristina Owen Sherr whose telephone number is 571-272-6711. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00 Monday through Friday.


9. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew J. Fischer can be reached on 571-272-6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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